

# A GIGANTIC ICEBERG.

A Glacier Forty Miles Long Which Moves Sixty Feet in a Day.

## PRESSING TOWARD THE OCEAN.

Huge Masses Dropping from its Steep, Rugged Front.

## JASPER, CHALCEDONY AND PORPHYRY

The most notable of the glaciers in South-eastern Alaska is the Muir, named from Prof. John Muir, a geologist of some reputation, since he gave the first uncolored description of it. It is 40 miles long, and back on the land, in a basin of the mountains. Being reinforced by 15 tributaries coming down the gleam from different points of the compass, it swells to an ice sea miles in diameter. The ice moves with a steady, powerful, bearing force and long lines of debris on its billowy surface. Just before it reaches the bay it is compressed by two great mountains into and is forced through a gorge one mile in width.

Emerging from this narrow gateway it moves on, at the rate of 40 to 60 feet a day, to the waters where it finally came, buttressing the bay with a perpendicular wall 800 feet high, 300 feet of ultramarine crystals tipped with pure white being thrust up from the surface, and beyond it, beyond its support, in the underlying rock, a battle begins between cohesion and gravity. The latter force always prevails, and vast masses break from the glacier, and the combined crash of falling walls and heavy thunder, a tumult rising and falling with a deafening roar, as the waters miles away, making navigation perilous to craft of all sizes. The most deafening roar made when these masses are sent away, the splashing baptism they receive in their fall and the leaping waves are lively witnesses to the birth of an iceberg, which henceforth, as an independent existence, goes on its mission of circling the globe, hunting for a ship, and a shock that agitates the waters miles away, making navigation perilous to craft of all sizes. The most deafening roar made when these masses are sent away, the splashing baptism they receive in their fall and the leaping waves are lively witnesses to the birth of an iceberg, which henceforth, as an independent existence, goes on its mission of circling the globe, hunting for a ship, and a shock that agitates the waters miles away, making navigation perilous to craft of all sizes.

## A WONDERFUL APPEARANCE.

While the ship was resting unmolested near the front of this icy barrier, we were startled by the sudden appearance of a mass of dark crystal, vastly larger than our own ship, shooting up from the surface, and towering over it as it were an egg-shell. As the vessel advanced, the frightened passengers were sent whirling against her, over chairs, over the railing, and a shock that agitated the waters miles away, making navigation perilous to craft of all sizes. The most deafening roar made when these masses are sent away, the splashing baptism they receive in their fall and the leaping waves are lively witnesses to the birth of an iceberg, which henceforth, as an independent existence, goes on its mission of circling the globe, hunting for a ship, and a shock that agitates the waters miles away, making navigation perilous to craft of all sizes.

## ON AN ICE MOUNTAIN.

After more than an hour of plunging and sprawling, and of pulling each other out of gray mire, about half of our number reached the uncovered glacier, and at the first glance felt that they had reached a new world. Covered heads, for we were in the presence of the marvelous manifestations of superhuman power in action, and looked up with unveiled eyes upon the potent agency by which each of this planet's most fashionable beauties was created. A way in the distance was the white lake fed by numerous frozen rivers, and these rivers were like the mountain snows 50 miles distant. The white-crowned snows themselves, as in the distance, were so smooth and grooved far up their flinty sides when the same glaciers were deeper and deeper and many times more ponderous and mightier than it is today.

## THE GLACIER'S MARCH.

In the onward march of the glacier these pinnacles are occasionally wrenched from their seats in the solid ice beneath—they nod, then totter, into a cloud of acicular crystals that sparkle like diamonds, and then, under a full moon of a winter's night, only with more of color—they are diamonds on the wing.

## THE GLACIER'S MARCH.

The whole weird and strange in all and sound—the voice that came from the air from the azure depths—inspiring because every step is perilous, majestic from its massiveness and awful because its march is irresistible.

## THE GLACIER'S MARCH.

Consider what a force in wearing away mountains and glens an icy torrent must be, one mile wide, 100 feet deep, and in the middle flowing 50 feet a day. Freezing and grinding and cracking in startling explosions, all mingled in a loud wail like the roar of the Titans imprisoned under Mount Etna.

## THE GLACIER'S MARCH.

Now let us enter in fancy frame for himself this picture: Snow-capped mountains and the background, two or three miles away, weather and Ogden, more than 15,000 feet high, thick set with glittering beaks and clear-cut as albatrosses on a dark sky; the glacier, child of the snows, a huge, tortured and pinnacled and splintered into a thousand strange forms upon which Iria has flung the varied hues of amethyst and turquoise and ashy blue and purple and from the crystal river with a thundering roar, rolling and toppling into an amber sea, thickly dotted with new-born and ragged icebergs, and all this scene glorified and transfigured by the setting sun. Looking upon this picture through the creative power of imagination one can readily conceive that the enraptured tourist, standing in the presence of the reality, would call that day spent with the Muir glacier the day of all days he ever passed in gazing upon and listening to the wild wonders of our planet.

## THE GLACIER'S MARCH.

But hark! That was not an explosion of the glacier's sliding; it was the echo of the summer's whirling along the gleam of the mountains, softened, indeed, by distance, as are the notes of the Alpine horn.

## THE GLACIER'S MARCH.

In just one hour we must be on the ship or be left without couch or food or fire in these wild and awful solitudes, and we must from the nearest habitation, and we made it in time, regardless of shoes or shoes.—Prof. Horace W. Briggs, in the *Sitka Advertiser*.

# A GREAT INSTITUTION.

The Catholic University at Washington Will Throw Its Doors OPEN TO STUDENTS IN NOVEMBER.

## AN OUTLINE OF WHAT DIRECTORS AND FACULTY HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH.

## REVIEW OF THE PROGRESS THUS FAR

## PHILADELPHIA, May 31.—

Bishop Keane, the rector of the Catholic University of America, was in the city yesterday. The purpose of his visit was to confer with the Archbishop, who is one of the members of the Board of Directors, in regard to the completion of the last element of their work, the selection of a body of students for the university. With that object in view, Bishop Keane visited the seminary at Overbrook, on Tuesday night, and discussed to the seminarians upon the portion of the work that mainly concerns them, namely, the studies of the divinity department, which is to be opened next November.

## TO PAY EXPENSES.

## How the Wife of a Wit Proposed to Pay for Trip.

## Youth's Companion.

The wife of a wit has often as hard a time as the wife of a philosopher. It is an old story about the wife of Emerson enduring the sight of her husband breaking the teeth out of her back-comb, thinking, absent-mindedly, that they were matches which he was presently to light; but it is quite a new story—that of a famous modern humorist who really gets a great many of his best and funniest ideas from his wife.

## SOFTER THAN BUTTER.

## More People Are Choked to Death Than Are Killed on the Railways.

## CHAMBERLAIN'S STATE.

In 1882 the Chamberlain of the London and North-western stated that there had not been a single passenger killed on their line within the previous three years. Sir John Hawkshaw, speaking of safety on railways generally, said "that only one passenger was injured for every 4,000,000 of miles traveled; and on an average a person may travel 100,000 miles in a year without any accident, and the chances are in favor of not receiving the slightest injury." Again, Sir E. Watkin "maintained that railway travel was safer than any other mode of transport, and that more people choked themselves in England than are killed on all the railways in the United Kingdom."

## A Palace of Beautiful Furniture.

You can imagine what six floors filled with all kinds of beautiful furniture, upholstered in different colored silks and plushes, would be like. But that is only the beginning of it. You should satisfy your taste of love for the beautiful by calling upon us, and allowing us to show you a palace of furniture in reality by taking you through our extensive stock of goods, and to describe each separately would take a page of this paper. So, call your wife's attention, take a day off, and we will take pleasure in showing you all we speak of.

## THE PUBLIC LIVES.

Whitmyre & Co. are meeting with an amount of success that daily increases in their efforts to legitimately introduce and advertise the "Iron City" brand of goods. The large amount now sold shows, beyond a doubt, that the best-selling brands carry an endorsement with their use. "Iron City Brand" has become a household name, and takes kindly to that class of goods which shows for itself what it is made of and how a trial brings out its excellencies.

## REPORTS.

Amherst-Busch St. Louis, Budweiser and Amherst beer in quarts and pints, extra pale and Pilsener for return of empties. Schiller Milwaukee export beer; extra stout, extra pale and Pilsener; quarts and pints. Allowance for return of empties.

## A CABLE CAR HERO.

A cable car hero is the subject of a story by N. J. Morris, in the *Dispatch*. A brave Pittsburgh boy who spends his days saving lives.

## Summer Dress Goods.

French Satins marked down to 25c and 30c per yard. Large line of new styles; best American makes; only 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 30c, 35c, 40c, 45c, 50c, 55c, 60c, 65c, 70c, 75c, 80c, 85c, 90c, 95c, 1.00, 1.10, 1.20, 1.30, 1.40, 1.50, 1.60, 1.70, 1.80, 1.90, 2.00, 2.10, 2.20, 2.30, 2.40, 2.50, 2.60, 2.70, 2.80, 2.90, 3.00, 3.10, 3.20, 3.30, 3.40, 3.50, 3.60, 3.70, 3.80, 3.90, 4.00, 4.10, 4.20, 4.30, 4.40, 4.50, 4.60, 4.70, 4.80, 4.90, 5.00, 5.10, 5.20, 5.30, 5.40, 5.50, 5.60, 5.70, 5.80, 5.90, 6.00, 6.10, 6.20, 6.30, 6.40, 6.50, 6.60, 6.70, 6.80, 6.90, 7.00, 7.10, 7.20, 7.30, 7.40, 7.50, 7.60, 7.70, 7.80, 7.90, 8.00, 8.10, 8.20, 8.30, 8.40, 8.50, 8.60, 8.70, 8.80, 8.90, 9.00, 9.10, 9.20, 9.30, 9.40, 9.50, 9.60, 9.70, 9.80, 9.90, 10.00, 10.10, 10.20, 10.30, 10.40, 10.50, 10.60, 10.70, 10.80, 10.90, 11.00, 11.10, 11.20, 11.30, 11.40, 11.50, 11.60, 11.70, 11.80, 11.90, 12.00, 12.10, 12.20, 12.30, 12.40, 12.50, 12.60, 12.70, 12.80, 12.90, 13.00, 13.10, 13.20, 13.30, 13.40, 13.50, 13.60, 13.70, 13.80, 13.90, 14.00, 14.10, 14.20, 14.30, 14.40, 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